

# Hope

Shaggy

I remember, wasn't so long ago  
We had a one room shack and the livin' was low  
And my mama by herself raised me and my bro  
Wasn't easy, but we did it with the little that go  
Worked hard got us off to school every day  
And kept her eyes on the stars when the skies were gray  
Gave us pride to survive, really showed us the way  
Now I really understood what she was tryin' to say

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And the boat may be rocky, you can cry  
Just never give up  
You can never give up," uh-uh

In this life you could lead if you only believe  
And in order to achieve what you need  
You can never give up  
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And this hope  
That keep me holding on  
On and on  
And this hope  
That makes me carry on  
On and on

Boom-boom, couldn't have made it alone  
I got a wonderful life, two kids on my own  
With a strong foundation that was carved in stone  
And my mama for the love that made my house a home  
Made me wonder some time if this was meant to be  
All this for a humble little guy like me  
And all I ever really wanted was a family  
To teach my kids the same value that she gave to me

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We nah turn no stepper, things a go better  
Never let yourself be overcome by pressure  
Cool yah me Bredda Have faith instead  
Sit down an watch em all a fight one another  
Blaze like fire- nah go retire

God nah sleep and a him an inspire  
We fa reach higher  
A that him require  
Haffa mek a mark before a time expire

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There's hope, yeah  
Hope keeps it alive, yeah, uh  
Hope keeps it alive, yeah, uh  
And it strikes an iron, uh  
Hope keeps it alive, yeah, yeah  
Hope keeps it alive, yeah  
Only the strong survive, yeah  
Keep it carry on, keep it carry on, yeah  
Uh-uh  
I'll keep it carry on, yeah  
I gotta carry on, gotta carry on and be strong  
Uh-uh-uh  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, uh-uh

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